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Ref UR Sec 5 para 2 PALUN 152 May 16, US cannot, of course give general commitment for development program in Near East in connection with refugee problem. Following shld, however, provide you support requested. Pres has made decision to recommend Cong that this Government will within UN framework support program for repatriation and resettlement Pal refugees which is satisfactory to US with financial and technical assistance subject to following conditions.

1. Upon plan forthcoming from PCC or UN that has reasonable chance for success at reasonable cost.
2. Upon full acceptance by Arabs and Israelis of responsibilities involved and upon their active cooperation in carrying out agreed plan.
3. Upon appropriate assistance from int and other sources. In this connection you should make clear to Arabs and Israelis and other PCC members that such US financial assistance as may be forthcoming will be contingent upon satisfactory contributions by other interested parties.

New approach to Cong for funds for refugee problem not possible this session; however, executive will put request before Cong at

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earliest opportunity following development satisfactory overall UN program, and informal agreement with other countries as to what their financial contributions will be. You are authorized utilize foregoing in effort obtain agreements by Israel and Arab states to repatriate and resettle respectively, number of refugees specified in PALUN 151. You should, however, keep US commitment in as general and informal terms as possible and make no commitments to specific US contribution. It should be clear that program contemplated by Pres consists for most part in relief and wage payments for refugees and cost of refugee resettlement projects, which will of course benefit countries concerned, but contains only limited development projects not associated directly with refugees. Dept desires not make any more formal undertaking or public statement at this time, but wld prefer oral commitment if possible. If however, in your judgment written commitment becomes necessary, text of commitment shld be cleared with Dept.

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